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## FARM ITEMS; LIVE STOCK.

**Five Dollars for Fresh Eggs.** W. T. Wilkerson, Farmer. Mrs. Guthrie's Purchase.

W. S. Forsythe of near Strother is feeding a car load of fine two-year-old steers.

William Wallace of Ralls County shipped three bushels of Boone County White corn to William Locke near Mexico and 6 bushels to Sam Emory at Hatton, Mo.

W. T. Wilkerson, late of Mexico, now has charge of his brother's farm near Madison, Monroe county, W. T. will raise hogs and chickens on a large scale. He now has 20 brood sows and 50 stock hogs.

Mrs. S. S. Roberts, who keeps fine chickens, sent us word to discontinue that adlet in the Message in which she offered eggs for sale. She was overwhelmed with calls and could not supply the demand. One man wanted 300 eggs. It pays to talk to the people thru the Message.

Talking about profits from jennets, a farmer near Paris paid \$50 for an old jennet and colt four years ago. He has sold \$800 worth and has \$1,000 worth left, all the offspring of that \$50 dam. The owner won't let his name be published, probably for fear the original owners will make him whack up on the profits.

At a trade carnival held by the Young Woman's Christian Association of the University of Missouri \$5 was the price paid by Mr. C. O. Green for fresh eggs from Gov. Hadley's Ozark farm. The articles sold were donated. The proceeds to go toward starting a fund for a \$25,000 Y. W. C. A. building.

Mrs. M. B. Guthrie of Mexico recently bought 80 acres of brush land three miles southwest of Auxvasse on which is located one of the finest springs in Missouri, it is said. The consideration was \$1,600. It is stated that the water is a fine remedy for all kinds of stomach trouble and that later the spring will be developed and the water put on the market.

The Farber Forum says:—C. W. Kindred has made a little money in the hog business in the last six months. He bought five sows at a sale for which he paid \$30 each and thought he was paying a big price. Since that time he has sold hogs to the amount of \$640, besides killing two hogs for meat and having the sows left to raise more hogs to make more money.

"Times like these," says the Paris Appeal, "when mud and rut are belly deep to a giraffe, advertise the merits of intelligent grading and frequent dragging on Monroe County roads. Roads that have been rounded up until the water drains off on both sides instead of standing in the middle, are hard and smooth when other roads are in such condition that a team of elephants could not drag a wheelbarrow through them. Therefore, be it resolved, that overseers hereafter be directed to make the roads higher in the middle than at the sides, and that a road tax be collected from men who keep them dragged. When this comes to pass the road problem in Monroe County will be solved."

## Fruit Trees For Sale.

The Mexico Nursery, E. J. Winter, proprietor, will have a fine lot of nursery stock in Mexico during the first part of April, between The Crown Laundry and Joe Pratt's Shoeing Shop. Don't forget the place. Come and see us. Fresh supplies will be brought from the Nursery every few days.

George and F. G. Kersting of Martinsburg were in Mexico last Saturday on business.

Mrs. Bessie Bowers is suing her husband, Carl Bowers, for divorce, alleging mistreatment and neglect.

## A BOTTLE AND MARRIAGE.

**Girl Sends Note Down River And Catches Mexico Man.**

Independence, Mo., March 24.—A romance which began in a bottle led today to a Justice court, where Grace Stafford, 18 years old of Hardin, Mo., and Edward Tillman, 28 years old, of Mexico, Mo., were married.

"Two years ago," said Tillman, "Miss Stafford placed her name and address in a bottle and threw it into the Missouri River at Missouri City. It floated down to Glasgow, Mo., where it was my good fortune to find it."

"I wrote," Grace answered. "Later I asked her and she said yes. I ask you, were we not intended for each other?"

## Charged With Forgery.

Barney Greenman, living southeast of Vandalia, was brought to Mexico last Saturday by constable John Atkins charged with forging the name of D. H. Morrell on a check for \$14.50 which he passed on the firm of F. P. Dye & Bro. of Vandalia.

## Opium Den Raided.

Mayor Willard Potts and Night Watchman Quincy James and Sam Wallace went to the home of "Aunt" Sophia Young, a respectable colored woman, in the east part of town, last Saturday night and arrested two negro men and two negro women lately from Kansas City. The quartet were under suspicion as bad characters, and when the officers went in upon them they found a regular opium layout in the room and one of the men caught "hitting the pipe." There was one pipe, one small brass Chinese lamp, some wire for inserting the "pills" into the pipe and ten or \$12 worth of cooked and raw opium. The outfit, with the prisoners, was taken to the City Hall.

## EAST HALLSVILLE.

Mrs. Belle Pigg returned home Monday after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Mary Tolson, of Columbia.

R. L. Allen traded a three year old mare to Turner Durr for a span of work mules, paying \$150 difference.

Willie Durk and wife spent Friday and Saturday at Sam Ridge-way's.

Mrs. Willard Harden died at Jim Harden's Tuesday morning, at 6 o'clock. The remains were laid to rest in Mt. Zion cemetery. She leaves a husband and baby, also many relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Will Berry visited at Jefferson City Saturday and Sunday.

Silvia Logdon of Sturgeon spent Saturday and Sunday in this vicinity.

William Vancourt is suffering a very badly mashed foot, caused by dropping a log on it, being unable to walk without the aid of a crutch.

Dave Belrose and wife moved to St. Louis last week where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Tom Farthing of Columbia spent a few days with home folks here last week.

## Thompson Store Robbed.

Ed Pearl's store at Thompson was burglarized last Thursday night and the thief or thieves got \$21 in money and 300 pennies, besides a box of neckties, five pairs of corduroy trousers and other merchandise. The trousers and other articles were found the next day about a mile this side of Thompson, towards Mexico.

R. R. Menefee of Perry has moved to Mexico and will make his home with his niece, Mrs. R. P. Neely.

Walter Rucker has decided to remain in Mexico in charge of the South Side Drug Store. His brothers, Robert and Leslie, will have charge of the drug store at Moberly recently purchased by the Rucker Bros.

## MEXICO BOY COMMANDS.

**Hero in School Fire. Loses His Personal Effects.**

Wellesley, Mass., March 27.—Regardless of the heroism and presence of mind of Willey Johnson, son of Mrs. Robt. Johnson, of Mexico, Mo., Rock Ridge Hall, an exclusive school for boys in this city, was burned to the ground Saturday. Young Johnson led his fellow students in fighting the fire.

The fire was discovered while the boys were in their classrooms. Young Johnson assembled his classmates and took charge of one of the lines of hose in the building fighting the fire bravely and giving much aid to the city fire department.

A strong wind, however, defeated their purpose and drove them from the building. The boys were so intent upon extinguishing the fire they forgot about personal effects until they had all been burned.

The loss is said to total about \$45,000. Stanley Wood, a nephew of Maj. Gen. Wood, was injured by a falling window sash, and young Johnson, who was the hero of the fire, had several narrow escapes from falling timbers and brick.

## BEE INTERESTS.

**Brought a Million Dollars' Profit to Missouri Last Year—How to Raise 'Em.**

(J. W. Rouse of Mexico, Mo., in Colman's Rural World, St. Louis.)

I have just had a visit from a man living in Michigan, who is an extensive bee-keeper, and we had a most delightful talk about our mutual business—bee-keeping.

It would astonish some of our Missouri bee-keepers, who have only a few bees, to know the possibilities of bee-keeping on a large scale, what can be made of them when one devotes much time to handling them on modern methods. This man is in Missouri looking for a car load of bees to buy and take back with him to his home. We had a great time together, giving to each other experience. While he has been in the business on a much more extensive scale than I have, he sometimes having over 500 colonies to work in a season, yet our methods and experiences are the same in working them. Although we have never devoted our whole time any season to the bees, yet we have made it a very profitable side line, anyway.

The most profitable way, and that was what we discussed most, is to get ready for the harvest. The bee-keeper that understands his business has the bees when needed. That is the secret of success in the keeping of bees. This man secures large crops of honey, yet he has only one honey flow during the season, namely, white clover, while in Missouri we have some honey flow mostly thru the season after white clover is gone. But our main honey flows are white clover and Spanish needle in the fall, so we should be able to get more than they do in the north. They, in the north, knowing when the time for their honey flow, go to work to get the bees at that time, which, as we have repeatedly written, is to feed the bees, which is done here. What they do in the north mostly is to save combs of honey from last season, and to stimulate the bees, after warm weather comes, is to take combs of honey as needed and by uncapping some of the honey and placing in the hive greatly stimulates the bees to brood rearing. Now, if one knows when to expect the honey crop, he will commence to have the bees raise a large lot of young brood, say some six weeks before he expects the honey crop. He may get the bees ready for the honey flow when it comes. Our bees are rearing brood now. We looked at some a few days ago, and they had sealed brood in them then, which showed that they had com-

menced at least twelve or more days before we had looked at them, to raising brood. We would not stimulate the bees to brood rearing too early, as it would not do, besides it would not be of any use, either, as they would only be consumers if they could not be workers.

It will not hurt to let them raise just enough to have a fairly good population when fruit bloom comes in, for while it is in the bees will then get all the start needed at that time if they can have plenty of bloom, then by watching to see that they do not suffer for stores and to keep them going just enough to keep up a good population until, as stated, about six weeks before the expected honey flow, then go at it with a vim to get all possible.

I have just returned from our state capital, where I had been to see after some needed legislation for our bee inspection law, and I met with flattering encouragement.

As some of your readers may know, there was a measure introduced that was detrimental to the bee interests, but was adversely reported on and when it came up, was defeated, which shows that our legislators are not willing to defeat a good purpose. I made it my business while there to see the party that introduced the measure and I am sure after having a talk with him, he feels more friendly toward what he thought at the time would be to the state's best interests, but many people, even statesmen, have not given bees much study, so are not informed of the importance and benefits of keeping them. The labor bureau gives their products in Missouri in 1910 in round numbers at \$1,000,000, sold and shipped. This taken with what they benefit fruit interests, and what honey is used at home, makes their worth to the state perhaps more than \$15,000,000, and it may be more than that. No one can know just how to make the estimate properly each year, or perhaps in any year.

J. W. ROUSE.

## Getting Ready For The Start.

A number are all in trim for the start in the Bible contest, which commences next week. There are, however, many from whom we have not yet heard, and it is time they get into line. The Message is a prime necessity, and unless you order at once you may be left without a paper from which to cut the coupon certifying that the necessary reading has been done. There is only one coupon in a paper, so that a copy is essential for every competitor. If you have not already ordered the paper, you had better do so, and if you have, what better blessing could you confer upon some friend than by inducing him or her to take up this easy Bible study course by sending him the Message during the term it covers? Think about this and "do it now." We take this opportunity of thanking the large number who have spoken words of appreciation for giving the people of Mexico the opportunity of reading these "Suggestive Questions." A revival of Bible study promoted by the secular press is causing all good people to rejoice.

## Telegraph Agent Attacked.

R. H. James, telegraph operator at Francis, just east of Mexico, was attacked by robbers last Friday night. When he assured them he had no money about the office they tied his hands and feet with binding twine and then left the premises. James was released later by a train crew that happened along later. Before leaving, however, the thieves smashed the telegraph instruments and pulled the telephone box from the wall. They made good their escape.

James Bledsoe underwent an operation for appendicitis last Saturday.

## BARN BURNED.

**Fine Horse Loses Its Life. Third Fire in Four Years.**

Pollock Milling Co. lost another barn by fire last Saturday night, near the site of where two others have been burned in less than four years. It looks like the work of incendiaries.

The barn destroyed Saturday night contained two carloads of fertilizer, two tons of hay, some harness and a quantity of feed. Two big iron gray horses, for which at one time Mr. Pollock had refused \$500, were also stabled in the barn. One was gotten out but was badly burned and it is thought it will die and the other was burned to death.

The fire department did quick work but nothing but the frame of the building was saved.

## FAR AND NEAR.

**Big Fire at Columbia. Bank Robbery at Curryville. Shelbyna Oiling Her Streets.**

S. S. McCue, near Auxvasse, is at Hot Springs, Ark., for the benefit of his health.

M. B. Carruthers and wife have moved to Mexico from Madison, Monroe county.

The Mechanics Art building at Columbia was destroyed by fire last week. Loss, about \$75,000.

Fire last Tuesday destroyed the court house block and Dr. Manger's Sanitarium in Moberly. Loss, about \$75,000.

Alexander McLaren, formerly in the saloon business in Fulton and worth \$75,000, died in a hospital in St. Louis one day this week.

Edward Gross, 15 years of age, of near Fulton, while in a foot ball game last Monday fell over another boy while playing first base and broke his leg.

H. T. Guthrie of Hatton, Callaway county, has been chosen to deliver the valedictory address for the 1911 graduating class of Westminster College at Fulton.

Shelbina, Mo., will sprinkle her streets with oil this summer instead of water. The streets in the outskirts will be thoroughly oiled and then leveled with a King drag. It is believed it will be proof against mud as well as dust.

Sam Evans, the tailor, recovered all his suit patterns at Kansas City last week, stolen from his store here last January. George Howard confessed the theft to Kansas City officials and was brought here and lodged in the Mexico jail.

Miss Susie Sommers is ticket agent and telegraph operator for "The Only Way" at McCredie. Wonder what she would do if some time two or three big bold robbers should thrust their guns thru the window and demand the cash from the money drawer!

Robbers blew open the safe of the Curryville Bank shortly after midnight last Thursday night and got away with about \$4,500 in money. Bloodhounds were put on the tracks of the robbers the next day but they escaped into the woods, south of that town, and they seem to have escaped safely, too. The bank was insured against such losses, but their safe was ruined and they will have to bear that expense.

The Farber Forum says: Turpentine is a valuable medicine for stock, but it must be handled right. Mr. M. R. K. Biggs says a neighbor once told him to give it to his hogs for the thumps. He went out and caught two pigs and poured a tablespoon of turpentine down the throat of each, but says they were dead before he got to the house. Dr. J. A. Stewart, veterinarian, says it was not the turpentine that killed the pigs, but the manner of giving it. He says that if you want to force liquid down a hog's throat you must turn it on its back, otherwise it will breathe the liquid into its lungs and die. He says you can kill a hog by pouring water down its throat.

## COUNTY TEACHERS.

**Three Dozen in the Examination Last Friday and Saturday.**

County Superintendent of Schools, L. J. Shobe, assisted by Mrs. Shobe, held examinations for teachers' certificates last Friday and Saturday in Mexico. Just 36 persons stood the examinations and out of that number but two of them were men—G. C. Rawlings of Centralia and W. T. Jacobi of Martinsburg. It looks as tho the teaching profession in Audrain is being pretty well abandoned to the women.

Among the subjects on which test questions were given were the following: U. S. History, Civil Government, Agriculture, Advanced Science, Physiology, Pedagogy and Advanced History.

The list of those who took the examinations was as follows:

Mexico—Grace R. Hatcher, Hermie Gibbs, Esther Harrison, Minnie Stallings, Mattie Dodd, Alberta Slaughter, Mary Lucy Berrey, Pearl Barnett, Josie Davis, Ethel Southe Dull.

Benton City—Martha S. Stauffer, Edna Righter.

Martinsburg—Wm. Jacobi, May Jarboe, Irene Gallaspie, Alice Reymier, Edna Earnest, Olivia Seckler.

Farber—Nola Athey.

Ladonia—Ambria Quinn, Ruby Webber, Benlah Talbott, Della Talbott, Vernie Levick, Nellie Bellamy, Laura Dillard, Edie Cunningham, Mattie Talley.

Rush Hill—Gertrude Nagel, Lillie Lower, Emma Epperson.

Thompson—Edna Gant, Mary Murphy, Elizabeth O'Brien, Claudia Lease.

Centralia—Myrtle Bryson, G. C. Rawlings.

Clark—Nettie Mallory.

## TALKS WITH PEOPLE.

Rev. H. I. Cobb, full-fledged farmer. Ask him what he did with his team the first time he drove into town.

J. A. Gallaher says that his aged father in Louisiana is fooling all the doctors and apparently is getting well. Glad to hear it. Bro. Gallaher ought to live a long time yet to help and bless the world.

P. T. Bruce likes the Message far better since we dropped our "patent in'ards." It makes it a genuine home article and on that account the paper is worth ten times more to every subscriber.

And the harem-scarem skirt has not made its appearance in Mexico tho a lady from the country last week, we are told, came into town and went back and reported that she saw one—or maybe it was just a hobbie.

Sam Morris thinks it was awful that that fine horse was burned to death in Pollock's barn the other night, but it doesn't compare with that catastrophe in New York where 150 girls lost their lives in the burning of that factory building. Think of such a thing happening in New York City—no better escape from fire than that.

Since "Uncle Jim" Wilson has moved to town he is wondering who is going to take his place as sorghum making man in the neighborhood just south of Mexico. Mr. Wilson has been making molasses ever since the Message editor was a "kid." He used to make the sweet stuff in the Beagles district, north of Worcester many years ago.

A very dirty boy attended a certain school. One day the teacher sent the boy's mother a note saying that he was not clean, and that she ought to bathe him oftener and improve his odor. The mother took her pen in hand and sent the teacher the following note: Dear Teacher—My boy Bill ain't no rose. Don't smell him. Learn him."

C. D. Rodgers, by the way, former Surveyor of Audrain county, who has interests here and in Texas and Oklahoma, was at Muskogee, Okla., recently and spent a couple of days with his friend Jeff D. Ellis. Mr. Ellis is getting along splendidly down

there, is prosperous; he and family are well and send their regards to all old Audrain county friends. Mrs. Ellis spoke of the Message. Said she enjoyed its newsy pages very much. With Mr. Rodgers, we would be glad to have this good family return to this county some time.

Sterling Price Guthrie relates that when he was a boy there was a dense forest just north of Judge Alex Carter's residence, north of Mexico. Some of the trees were immense in size, so he as a boy thought, and the underbrush was so thick a wren could not fly thru it. One day he was going thru that timber when he happened to look up and there hung a monster blacksnake, six or 20 feet long more or less, suspended by its tail from a big limb and its head just in front of his face. Then don't you imagine he ran? He came out of that brush with a big scare and as many scratches as tho the snake had really bitten him.

Mrs. Ella Shoup Willis, one of our Benton City subscribers, sends us a splendidly written perspective of the International Sunday School lessons for the present year—the entire 12 months are to be spent in Hebrew history, the period of study being from the division of the Kingdom (B. C. 931) to Ezra's time, covering near 500 years. Mrs. Willis then reviews our last quarter's work—done with the hand of a master—pointing a strong moral from the life of Elijah. Elijah stood before Ahab, but he saw no king but Jehovah. Men stand before God in our days, and the example of Elijah nerves them. The conclusion of the whole matter is, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Mrs. Willis knows how to put a spiritual truth with fine effect.

Perry Davis, one of Santa Fe's prominent merchants, was here a few days ago and in the presence of the Message "Uncle" John Robinson asked him if he was related to the Perry Davis pain-killer man of our boyhood days, as so many of us remember. "No," he said, "but that reminds me. Several years ago, before the Santa Fe Bank was established, I was in St. Louis buying some goods and when I made out a check to pay for them I handed it over to the man I was trading with and he looked at it and then looked away and then looked at it again and then away again. Finally I asked him, 'Why isn't that all right?' 'Yes,' he said, 'but there's a thing I haven't noticed one time in a thousand. That check is dated Perry, Mo., is on the Perry Bank and is signed Perry Davis. That's a pretty good coincident of names.' 'Now,' concluded Mr. Davis, 'I'm related to all the Perrys but not to all the Davises.'"

## Weds in Illinois.

Walter Dugan of this city, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dugan, was married last Monday morning at Carrollton, Ill., to Miss Caroline Franks of Fulton, Mo. Mr. Dugan was not of age. He failed to get a marriage license at Fulton. Later he got one in Mexico, it is said, under an assumed name. But he got the paper that carried him thru at Carrollton. The couple returned thru Mexico Monday on their way to Fulton.

Wm. Payne, employed at the Wabash depot in this city, had his left foot quite badly mashed last Saturday afternoon while unloading a piano.

Charlie E. Casper, late of Rush Hill, writes us that he and his brother have bought the Campbell Dairy in Kansas City. Says he is well pleased with the work. He further tells us that Arthur Harrington, who was born and raised near Worcester this county, son of the late Charles H. Harrington, died of pneumonia in the Pacific Hospital in St. Louis a few days ago and was buried at Sedalia last Saturday, his mother's present home.